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SUBJECT: UKRAINIAN COMMUNIST PARTY PLENUM REPORT ON
1973 HARVEST LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, AND PLANS FOR 1974

1. AT PLENUM OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF COMMUNIST PARTY OF UKRAINE
HELD SEPTEMBER 14 FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA INCLUDED A REPORT
ON PROGRESS IN HARVESTING; PLAN FULFILLMENT FOR DELIVERIES OF
PLANT AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION; AND MEASURES TO INCREASE FUTURE
PRODUCTION OF GRAINS AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL CROPS IN 1974.
FOLLOWING IS A COLLECTIVE SUMMARY OF TWO SPEECHES MADE BY
(1) THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST
PARTY OF THE UKRAINE, V.V. SHCHERBITSKIY; AND (2) THE CHAIRMAN
OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE UKRAINIAN SSR, A.P. LYASHKO.

2. HARVESTING PROGRESS. THIS YEAR'S GRAIN HARVEST, INCLUDING
ANTICIPATED CORN PRODUCTION, WILL REACH ABOUT 45 MILLION TONS,
A LEVEL WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN ACHIEVED. TO DATE 15.6 MILLION
TONS OF GRAIN HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE STATE (956 MILLION POODS),
WHICH IS NEARLY THE ONE BILLION POODS "PROMISED" BY UKRAINIAN
FARMERS. LARGEST PORTION THIS GRAIN CAME FROM OBLASTS OF ZAPOROZHE,
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1.45 MILLION TONS; KHERSON, 1.34 MILLION TONS; DNEPROPETROVSK, 1.24
MILLION TONS; ODESSA, 1.15 MILLION TONS; KIROVOGRAD, 1.12 MILLION
TONS; AND NIKOLAYEV, 1.04 MILLION TONS. NEARLY ONE MILLION TONS

GRAIN WERE DELIVERED BY OBLASTS KHARKOV AND POLTAVA. GRAIN DELIVERY PLANS WERE OVERFULFILLED BY OBLASTS OF VOROSHILOV, CRIMEA, KIEV, DONETZ AND CHERNIGOV. YIELDS FROM THIS YEAR'S HARVEST AVERAGED 28.3 CENTNERS PER HECTARE (NOT INCLUDING CORN). REPORTEDLY AN AVERAGE OF 30 CENTNERS PER HECTARE WAS ATTAINED IN OBLASTS OF ZAKARPATSK, KHERSON, ZAPOROZHE, CHERKASSY, DONETZ, CRIMEA, KIROVOGRAD, DNEPROPETROVSK, AND POLTAVA. SOME OBLASTS REPORTED HARVEST YIELDS FROM 40 TO 50 CENTNERS PER HECTARE. CORN PRODUCTION ANTICIPATED TO BE GOOD WITH YIELDS AVERAGING BETWEEN 28-29 CENTNERS PER HECTARE FROM AREA OF TWO MILLION HECTARES.

3. IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE THE SUCCESS OF THIS YEAR'S HARVEST, SPEAKERS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING DATA ON AVERAGE GRAIN YIELDS PER HECTARE DURING THE MOST FAVORABLE YEARS, IN TERMS OF CLIMATE: 1952, 13.7 CENTNERS PER HECTARE; 1955, 15.9; 1958, 16.8; 1961, 19.9; 1966, 21.5; 1971, 25.4; AND 1973, 28.3 (PRELIMINARY). MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GRAIN EVER DELIVERED FROM THE UKRAINE WAS IN 1961 WHEN DELIVERIES REACHED 12.87 MILLION TONS.

4. AREA UNDER THIS YEAR'S GRAIN CROP WAS ENLARGED BY 900,000 HECTARES. PLANS FOR 1974 CALL FOR GRAIN PRODUCTION NOT LESS THAN 45 MILLION TONS, EXPECTED TO REACH 50 MILLION TONS (INCLUDING CORN) IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS, WHICH WOULD MEAN AN AVERAGE YIELD OF 30 CENTNERS PER HECTARE. THE SPEAKERS POINTED OUT THAT IN CURRENT YEAR SOME 10 OBLASTS REACHED AN AVERAGE YIELD OF 30 CENTNERS PER HECTARE WHICH SUPPORTS AND MAKES REALISTIC THE 50 MILLION TON PRODUCTION FIGURE. SINCE, ACCORDING TO SPEAKERS, INCREASED PRODUCTION IN UKRAINE CAN COME ONLY FROM INCREASED YIELDS, THE FOLLOWING YIELDS ARE SET AS GOALS FOR VARIOUS REGIONS: STEPPE REGION, 28-29 CENTNERS PER HECTARE WITH 40-45 CENTNERS FROM IRRIGATED LANDS; FOREST-STEPPE OBLASTS, 29-30; IN POLESSE AND SUB-MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS, 23-25. THE GOAL FOR HIGHER YIELDS WILL BE SUPPORTED WITH GREATER AGRICULTURAL INPUTS SUCH AS FERTILIZER, EXPANSION OF AREA UNDER IRRIGATION, MACHINERY, NEW AND BETTER VARIETIES OF SEED INCLUDING HYBRIDS. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT SINCE 1965 (MARCH PLENUM OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE) FERTILIZER DELIVERIES INCREASED FROM SIX MILLION TONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN 1966 TO 13 MILLION TONS IN 1973. LAND IMPROVEMENT IN THIS PERIOD INCREASED FROM 1.8 MILLION HECTARES TO 3.0 MILLION HECTARES, OF WHICH 1.2 MILLION WERE IRRIGATED. FOR 1974-75 AN ADDITIONAL 300,000 HECTARES WILL BE IRRIGATED AND 270,000 IMPROVED. FURTHER EXPANSION OF AREA UNDER GRAINS, INCLUDING CORN, IS PLANNED FOR 1974 AS WELL AS IN COMING YEARS. SPEAKERS RECOMMENDED THAT CORN AREA BE EXPANDED, ESPECIALLY IN REGIONS FAVORING ITS GROWTH, BY ONE MILLION HECTARES WITH YIELDS INCREASED TO 50 CENTNERS PER HECTARE. EXPANSION OF AREA UNDER BARLEY ALSO RECOMMENDED IN OBLASTS WHERE IT WILL BE MOST PRODUCTIVE.

5. SINCE WINTER GRAINS PLAY A MAJOR PART IN TOTAL GRAIN

PRODUCTION, THE PLAN FOR 1973-74 PLANTING CALLS FOR 10.5 MILLION HECTARES FOR WINTER SOWING, OF WHICH 9.3 MILLION HECTARES WILL BE GRAIN. TO DATE 5.7 MILLION HECTARES HAVE BEEN SOWN TO GRAIN.

6. MOST OBLASTS PRODUCED A GOOD SUGAR CROP WHICH WILL BE LARGE ENOUGH TO MEET DELIVERY PLANS. IN 1974, ACCORDING TO PLAN, 46.8 MILLION TONS SHOULD BE DELIVERED, WHICH IS 3.5 MILLION TONS MORE THAN THE AVERAGE DELIVERED DURING THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF THE CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN. HARVESTING OF SUGAR BEETS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 25 AND ALL DELIVERIES MADE BY NOVEMBER 5.

7. LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AND FEED SUPPLIES. DESPITE A DIFFICULT

1972-73 WINTER INCREASES WERE NOTED IN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTIVITY AS WELL AS IN PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTS. IN COMPARISON WITH LAST YEAR, PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1973 WERE HIGHER IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS: MILK, 810,000 METRIC TONS; MEAT, 3.9 MILLION TONS; AND EGGS, 552 MILLION PIECES. AVERAGE MILK YIELD PER COW ALSO INCREASED BY 65 KILOGRAMS. IN THE COMING YEAR, ACCORDING TO PLAN, MEAT PRODUCTION SHOULD INCREASE BY 14 PERCENT; MILK, EIGHT PERCENT; EGGS, 13 PERCENT; AND WOOL, TWO PERCENT. CONSUMPTION OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS ALSO INCREASED DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1973, COMPARED WITH SAME PERIOD IN 1972, BY FOLLOWING AMOUNTS: MILK, AND MILK PRODUCTS BY 500,000 TONS; MEAT, 38,000 TONS; AND EGGS, 320 MILLION PIECES. IN SPITE OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS FULL CAPACITY OF THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR HAS NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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BEEN FULLY UTILIZED PRIMARILY DUE TO INSUFFICIENT PROVISIONS TO SECURE LIVESTOCK FEED. ALTHOUGH IN THE CURRENT YEAR 9.4 MILLION TONS OF HAYLAGE HAVE BEEN PUT UP, AND GOOD AMOUNTS OF ALFALFA MEAL PREPARED, REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT BEING MET. ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SECURE IN 1973-74 66 MILLION TONS OF FEED UNITS AS INDICATED IN THE PLAN. FURTHER EFFORTS ARE NEEDED TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OF ALL FEED AND FORAGE CROPS WHICH CURRENTLY OCCUPY 17 MILLION HECTARES. ALTHOUGH THIS YEAR'S FORAGE SITUATION IS MUCH BETTER THAN LAST, CONTINUED EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO BETTER AND MORE FULLY UTILIZE FOOD INDUSTRY BY-PRODUCTS, I.E., SUGARBEET TOPS, SUNFLOWER HEADS, CORN STALKS, AND OTHER FEEDS. STRICTER CONTROL OVER MIXED FEED INDUSTRY IS ALSO NECESSARY TO ASSUME FULL PRODUCTION. FINALLY, PRODUCTIVITY OF NATURAL PASTURES AND MEADOWS SHOULD ALSO BE INCREASED THROUGH IMPROVEMENTS AND SEEDING WITH HIGH QUALITY SEED.

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